

UNCOMMON CENTS

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CHOOSE A BETTER FUTURE TODAY

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The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.) Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?" But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

Genesis 25:27-34 (NIV)

THREE CRUCIAL CHOICES FOR A BETTER FUTURE:

1. Clarify _____

for a _____ .

A wise person thinks a lot about death, while a fool thinks only about having a good time. **Ecclesiastes 7:4 (NIV)**

What do I want my life to look like 10 years from now?

2. Align _____

with _____ .

See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.

Hebrews 12:16-17 (NIV)

Where will I be in the future if I stay on the same path?

3. _____ for _____ of tomorrow.

Praise the Lord. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands. His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

Psalms 112:1-3 (NIV84)

What am I passing on to future generations?

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